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**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 462X) BNSF Railway Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption – in Cook County, IL**

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan

On January 14, 2008, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to discontinue overhead trackage rights over a 17.8-mile line of railroad owned by Illinois Central Railroad Company, between milepost 17 at Chicago, and milepost 19.5 at Harvey, in Cook County, IL. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 60426, 60605, 60609, 60615, 60616, 60620, 60621, 60643, and 60653.

By decision served May 2, 2008, the STB granted the exemption authority, effective June 1, 2008. This letter is to advise the Board that BNSF is consummating the discontinuance of overhead trackage rights over the subject line as of the date of this letter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are attached for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely,

Kristy D. Clark  
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cc Illinois State Clearinghouse  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
Victoria Rutson, Chief, SEA  
Susan Odom  
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